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**Resurfacing, Bikeways, Sidewalks and Rec and Parks Improvements Highlight
2010 Capital Improvements Budget Proposal**

Joined by Columbus neighborhood leaders, Mayor Michael B. Coleman and members of City Council announced the proposed 2010 Capital Improvements Budget on the North Side. Mayor Coleman and council members unveiled the \$130 million proposal on Strawberry Farms Boulevard, which will be improved by an upcoming resurfacing project.

"Our greatness lies in our neighborhoods, and we must continue to invest in them," Mayor Coleman said. "By investing in our streets, parks and bikeways, we will increase our quality of life and create jobs in the process."

Highlights of the mayor's proposal include

- \$20 million for street resurfacing
- \$8 million for recreation center renovations
- \$7.3 million for bikeways
- \$6 million for fire apparatus
- \$3.8 million for renovations for our swimming pools
- \$3.2 million for sidewalks and pedestrian safety
- \$2.6 million for playground improvements and for park acquisition
- \$1.25 million for housing and homelessness prevention and services
- \$1 million for increased broadband access
- \$1 million for the Green Columbus Fund development grant program
- \$675,000 toward a South Side health center

"The commitment we are making today through our capital improvement priorities represents an investment in our city's future," said City Council President Michael C. Mentel. "The investments in public safety, broadband accessibility, infrastructure improvements, and enhanced livability will keep Columbus progressing and moving forward."

Mayor Coleman's proposal has been submitted to City Council, which is expected to vote on it Monday.